

IC Catholic Prep Summer Reading

English Department: English II

Between Shades of Gray by Reta Sepetys

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1. Read *Between Shades of Gray* by Reta Sepetys.
2. Answer the questions on the next page for each section as you read. Write the answers on looseleaf paper because they will be collected.
3. Mark your book and take notes on the following:
 - a. Identify characters and their traits.
 - b. Identify any conflicts presented.
 - c. Identify setting.
 - d. Pick one specific quote per section of chapters. Think: Which quotes carry heavy meaning, convey life lessons, or reveal a person's true character?
4. Be prepared to take a test and have the answers to your chapter questions collected during the first week of school.
5. You will also write a formal paper about this novel, so the more notes you take in your text, the better prepared you will be to write your paper.

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Section 1: Chapters 1-5

1. What is the setting in this story?
2. What is the conflict that these characters are facing?
3. Who are some of the characters presented in the story so far? Include characteristics, age, etc.

Section 2: Chapters 6-10

4. What happens to Jonas and how does his Mother solve this problem?
5. Describe the conditions in the train car, including how many people are in the car?

Section 3: Chapters 11-15

6. Why do Andrius, Jonas, and Lina leave the train car?
7. What do they think has happened to Lina and Jonas's father?
8. What happened to Andrius?

Section 4: Chapters 16-20

9. Where does the train stop in Chapter 16, and what do they hear?
10. What does Lina say she is going to do with her handkerchief?
11. What does the bald man say about the Germans?

Section 5: Chapters 21-25

12. What does Andrius find on his bucket run?
13. What happens after six weeks and three days without food?
14. Finally, in Chapter 25 where do they stop? What are they going to do with their clothes?

Section 6: Chapters 26-30

15. What does Ona do? What happens to her?
16. Describe the huts they are to stay in and the people in those huts.
17. Who wants Elena and what do they want her to do?

Section 7: Chapters 31-35

18. In chapter 32, what happens before sunrise?
19. What did Elena say the NKVD could NOT take from them?
20. In chapter 35, what is Andrius doing and what does he give Lina?

Section 8: Chapters 36-40

21. The NKVD brings everyone together to do some paperwork, what is that paperwork?
22. In chapter 38, what does Lina learn about Andrius and his mom?
23. Summarize the conversation Lina has with her mother about Andrius.

Section 9: Chapters 41-45

24. Are people signing the document? What is Lina doing to the people who sign?
25. In chapter 43, who volunteers to help the Russians? Why do they volunteer?
26. What does Lina see when she is returning home and what does she do about it when she gets home?

Section 10: Chapters 46-50

27. In chapter 48, what happens to Jonas? Who helps him?
28. What breaks the ice between Lina and Andrius?
29. What does Lina steal at night? Who does she see when she is out one night?

Section 11: Chapters 51-55

30. What do Lina and Jonas give Andrius for Christmas?
31. Why are the NKVD looking for Lina?
32. What does Lina take from the NKVD?

Section 12: Chapters 56-60

33. What information is in the file? What does Lina find out?
34. What news does Lina's mother receive from Lithuania?
35. Why is Lina trying to take more care with her appearance?

Section 13: Chapters 61-65

36. Describe the interaction between Andrius and Lina in Chapter 61. (What does he tell her? What does she give him? What final advice does Andrius tell Lina?)
37. What does Andrius put in Lina's pocket?
38. What news do they find out while on the train car?
39. How long are they on the train? What is their next mode of transportation going to be?

Section 14: Chapters 66-70:

40. Where do they think they are going? What is happening with the weather?
41. What are they worried about regarding their location (Trofimovsk-near the North Pole)?
42. In Chapter 70, what are the women asked to do? How do they do it?

Section 15: Chapters 71-75:

43. Why are the Americans there?
44. What does Kretzsky give them?
45. What does Lina learn about her cousin Joanna?
46. What does Ivanov tell Lina's mother?
47. What does Lina tell Kretzsky? What does he reply?

Section 16: Chapters 76-80:

48. What does Lina find in the book that Andrius gave her?
49. What does Janina show Lina? What do they do with it?
50. What happens on January 5?

Section 17: Chapters 81-85:

51. What does Lina know that she wants?
52. Describe Lina's conversation with Kretzsky. How has their relationship changed?
53. What is happening with Janina and Jonas?
54. What happens after the storm breaks? Who asked for him to come?

Section 18: Epilogue & Author's Note:

55. What year is it?
56. What do the construction workers find?
57. How many people is it estimated that Josef Stalin killed in his reign of terror?